



Zoning Resolution

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23-71 - Minimum Distance Between Buildings on a Single Zoning Lot

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R1 R2 R3 R4 R5 R6 R7 R8 R9 R10

In all districts, as indicated, the minimum distance between the portion of a #building# containing #residences# and any other #building# on the same #zoning lot# shall be as provided in this Section. For the purposes of this Section, #abutting# #buildings# on a single #zoning lot# may be considered a single #building#.

However, these provisions do not apply:

- (a) to the extent that such two #buildings# are separated from each other by a #rear yard equivalent# as set forth in Section [23-532](#) (Required rear yard equivalents) or [23-533](#) (Required rear yard equivalents for Quality Housing buildings), as applicable; or
- (b) to space between a #single-family#, #two-family#, or three-family #residence# and a garage #accessory# thereto.

23-711 - Standard minimum distance between buildings

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In all districts, as indicated, the required minimum distance between the portion of a #building# containing #dwelling units# and any other #building# on the same #zoning lot# shall vary according to the height of such #buildings# and the presence of #legally required windows# in facing #building# walls. Such minimum distance shall be, in feet, as indicated in the following table:

	Maximum #Building# Height above #Base Plane# or #Curb Level#, as Applicable (in feet)				
	25	35	40	50	Over 50
Wall Condition*					
Wall to Wall	20	25	30	35	40
Wall to Window	30	35	40	45	50
Window to Window	40	45	50	55	60

* Wall condition shall be defined as:

"wall to wall" is a condition where two walls of #buildings# face each other, and neither wall contains a #legally required window#;

"wall to window" is a condition where two walls of #buildings# face each other, and one wall contains a #legally required window# and the other wall does not contain a #legally required window#;

"window to window" is a condition where two walls of #buildings# face each other, and both walls contain a #legally required window#.

In addition, the following rules shall apply:

- (a) the minimum distances set forth in this table shall be provided at the closest point between #buildings#;
- (b) any portion of a #building# that qualifies as a #building segment# may be treated as a separate #building# for the purposes of determining the minimum distance required between such #building segment# and another #building# or #building segment#;
- (c) where #buildings# of different heights face each other, the average of the heights of such #buildings# shall determine the minimum distance required between them;
- (d) projections having a maximum height of 25 feet above adjoining grade, a maximum depth of five feet, and an aggregate width not exceeding 25 percent of the #building# wall from which they project, may penetrate the minimum spacing requirements;
- (e) portions of #buildings# above 125 feet that exceed, in aggregate, a #lot coverage# of 40 percent, shall be spaced at least 80 feet apart;
- (f) in R1, R2, R3, R4A and R4-1 Districts within #lower density growth management areas#, the provisions of this paragraph, (f), shall apply to any #zoning lot# with two or more #buildings# where at least 75 percent of the #floor area# of one #building# is located beyond 50 feet of a #street line# and the #private road# provisions do not apply. For the purposes of this paragraph, any #building# containing #residences# with no #building# containing #residences# located between it and the #street line# so that lines drawn perpendicular to the #street line# do not intersect any other #building# containing #residences# shall be considered a "front building," and any #building# containing #residences# with at least 75 percent of its #floor area# located beyond the #rear wall line#, or prolongation thereof, of a "front building" shall be considered a "rear building." The minimum distances set forth in the table in this Section shall apply, except that a minimum distance of 45 feet shall be provided between any such front and rear #buildings#; and
- (g) the obstructions permitted for any #yard# set forth in paragraph (a) of Section [23-441](#) (General permitted obstruction allowances), shall be permitted in such minimum distance.